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BETWEEN 6 MONTHS AND A YEAR

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Classified By: A/Political Minister-Counselor Jonathan R. Cohen for reasons 1.4 b and d

[1](#)1. (C) Following up REF B conversation on A/CFE, MFA NATO Office Director Gianni Bardini called Acting Political Minister-Counselor August 23 to inform that he had made a formal request to the MFA's Legal Advisor for an estimate of how long it would take Italy to ratify the Adapted CFE Treaty. Bardini said getting a reply will take some time, but noted that he had received from the Foreign Minister's parliamentary affairs specialist an informal opinion that, if ratification were given a high priority by the GOI and the Italian Parliament, it could be completed in approximately one year.

[1](#)2. (C) Bardini said the fastest Parliament had ever ratified a treaty was six months, for the EU Rome Treaty. The Rome treaty had, he explained, been given the highest priority by the GOI as it bore the name of Italy's capital city and Italy wanted to be first to ratify it. He speculated that Italy could complete A/CFE ratification in between six months and a year, probably closer to a year.

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